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¶1. (SBU) EU Council Secretariat Southeast Asia official Friederike Tschampa thanked USEU for the U.S. draft proposal for the ARF Counterterrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) Workplan and non-paper, comments on Singapore's draft ARF Review, and copy of A/S Hill's letter. She admitted the EU has not been as focused on ARF issues in recent months due to competing SE Asia priorities, particularly in Burma, but expressed interest in hearing more information about U.S. plans for like-minded coordination sessions ahead of the Ottawa meeting. Tschampa agreed to follow up with any further comments or questions about the documents.

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